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Mr. Robert S. McNamara Chairman Overseas Development Council Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. McNamara:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the latest issue in the Overseas Development Council's <u>Agenda</u> series. Our Third World analysts have been part of your audience since the first <u>Agenda</u> was published in 1974.

Over the years, we have found this series of publications to be extremely helpful in tracking recent events, meetings, and agreements between the developed and developing countries. The fact that individual articles and perspectives change from year to year makes the series doubly valuable in providing analysis in depth of pertinent issues.

Our perceptions of the developed countries' commitments and responses to Third World needs differ from those of the Overseas Development Council in several regards. The high degree of professionalism manifest in your product assures us challenging alternative views in these instances. We welcome this intellectual stimulation for our analysts.

I would also like to compliment the ODC on the wide range of monographs it has published on the Third World on such issues as trade, finance, and regionalism. We subscribe to the monograph series, and my analysts clearly benefit from it.

Finally, I would like to note that our two organizations have enjoyed a healthy relationship through seminars that you have sponsored. We look forward to continuing to participate in them.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence



